



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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September 6, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO COMPLETE AND EXECUTE ALL
NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE ACQUISITION OF A 500-HOUR
MAINTENANCE INSPECTION AND SERVICE FOR THE SIKORSKY S-70 FIREHAWK
HELICOPTER
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:**

Authorize the County Purchasing Agent to complete and execute all necessary purchasing documents relative to the acquisition of a 500-hour maintenance inspection and service for the Sikorsky S-70 Firehawk Helicopter, not to exceed \$200,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this recommended action is to authorize issuance of a purchase order to provide a 500-hour maintenance inspection and service of the Sikorsky S-70 Firehawk Helicopter #16, Serial Number 702453, as required by our "Total Assurance Program" maintenance agreement with Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation. Labor, expenses, and service for the 500-hour maintenance inspection will be performed at Barton Heliport and shall include six helicopter mechanics and one quality assurance representative.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

AGOURA HILLS
ARTESIA
AZUSA
BALDWIN PARK
BELL
BELL GARDENS
BELLFLOWER
BRADBURY

CALABASAS
CARSON
CERRITOS
CLAREMONT
COMMERCE
COVINA
CUDAHY

DIAMOND BAR
DUARTE
EL MONTE
GARDENA
GLEN DORA
HAWAIIAN GARDENS
HAWTHORNE

HIDDEN HILLS
HUNTINGTON PARK
INDUSTRY
INGLEWOOD
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LA MIRADA
LA PUENTE
LAKEWOOD
LANCASTER
LAWNDAL E
LOMITA
LYNWOOD

MALIBU
MAYWOOD
NORWALK
PALMDALE
PALOS VERDES ESTATES
PARAMOUNT
PICO RIVERA

POMONA
RANCHO PALOS VERDES
ROLLING HILLS
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES
ROSEMEAD
SAN DIMAS
SANTA CLARITA

SIGNAL HILL
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SOUTH GATE
TEMPLE CITY
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Due to extensive utilization of the Firehawk helicopter for EMS transports, swift water/flood rescues, fire activities, and the lack of helicopter availability, the 500-hour maintenance inspection and service will be required sooner than expected. This increased use created a large maintenance backlog for our understaffed helicopter maintenance unit and consequently, they will be unable to perform this scheduled maintenance inspection and service.

In order to have the helicopter available at the earliest possible time during this fire season, we are requesting Sikorsky to provide the necessary personnel to perform the maintenance inspection and service at our Barton Heliport facility.

Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation is the original equipment manufacturer. The 500-hour maintenance inspection and service is a mandated component of the helicopter maintenance regime as established by the manufacturer.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Service Excellence.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated cost of the 500-hour maintenance inspection and service will not exceed \$200,000. Funding for this purchase order is available in the 2005-06 Services and Supplies Budget for the North Regional Operations Bureau, Air and Wildland Division, Air Operations Section. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL PROVISIONS

The County Purchasing Agent has a statutory limitation of \$100,000 for Sundry Service; therefore, your Board's approval is necessary to accomplish this critical maintenance requirement.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Department is in the process of developing a formal contract proposal with Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation for future 500-hour maintenance inspections and service. This contract should be finalized by November 2005.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICE (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will enable the Department to continue our provision of emergency services to the residents of Los Angeles County.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, please return copies of this letter to:

1. Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District
Materials Management Division
5801 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 100
Commerce, California 90040
Attention: James Ealey, Chief, Materials Management Division
2. Internal Services Department
Purchasing Division
1100 North Eastern Avenue, Room 102
Los Angeles, California 90063
Attention: Joe Sandoval, Division Manager

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Michael W. Dyer, Support Services Bureau, at (323) 881-6152.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Michael Freeman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

PMF:mr

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors